

REMARKS

Claims 23-100 are pending in the application. Claims 23, 30, 39, 40 and 80 have been amended and claims 32, 46 and 92 have been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration of the rejection and objections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully submit that they are aware of the requirements under 37 CFR 1.98 with regard to consideration of references. The Examiner requests a copy of certain references as listed on page 46, lines 5-8, page 52, lines 13-15 and 24-28. At this time the references are not readily available. However, Applicants will try to retrieve a copy of the references. Applicants believe, however, the requested references are not materially relevant to the claimed inventions and are nothing more than background art.

Claim Objections

The acronym DTMF is well known in the art to mean Dual Tone Multi Frequency. Claim 40 has been amended as such. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 30 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 22-100 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,336 to Ladd et al. Applicants respectfully submit that at the very minimum, claims 23, 39 and 80 are patentable and non-obvious over Ladd because Ladd does not disclose or suggest conversational browsers or system and methods for processing CML

documents/application, which comprise meta-information implementing a conversational dialog to enable interaction with the user in a plurality of user interface modalities, to render the conversational dialog in one or more of the plurality of user interface modalities, as essentially claimed in claims 23, 39 and 80. Indeed, Ladd merely discloses a system in which a voice browser (250) (Figs. 3 and 4) is capable of processing a speech markup file and rendering a speech/audio interface only.

Therefore, for at least the above reasons, claims 23, 39 and 80 are patentable and nonobvious over Ladd. Moreover, all pending claims that depend from claims 23, 39 and 80 are patentable over Ladd at least by virtue of their dependence from claims 23, 39 or 80.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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